

I urge you to not vote to impose restrictions on Cal Am's pumping from the Carmel River. This has little to do with Cal Am and everything to do with being reasonable with the citizens of Carmel that rely on the Carmel River at this time. Restrictions will be reasonable when alternate sources of water are available. We are already one of the most frugal water users in California and to require more conservation is ridiculous. If further restrictions are required it will mean that shrubbery will go without water and the quality of everyday life will suffer. These restrictions are apparently to support the Steelhead fish in the Carmel River. These fish are not on the endangered list and can be revived when alternate water sources are found. The most recent proposal is to create a desalinization plant. From the newspapers it appears that approvals for this are held up in another state agency and have been for some time. How can you, an entity of the State, penalize us, citizens of Carmel, for the bureaucratic indolence of another arm of the State?

Let us put as much value in the life of the citizens of Carmel as others would have you do for a few fish.

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